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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV, UN, ECOSOC, OECD, BE  
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: A) STATE 137864, B) STATE 136934, C) STATE 134235,  
D) BRUSSELS 6019, E) BRUSSELS 5657

1. JUNE 20 CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL A)-FOREIGN MINISTRY'S  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR IO (PAUL ROUX) TOLD US THAT EXPERTS  
FROM BRUSSELS TIED UP JUNE 20 AND CANNOT GET AWAY  
FOR CONSULTATION ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. BELGIUM WOULD  
HAVE PREFERRED CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA EN EVE OF OECD  
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JULY MEETING, WHEN BOTH BELGIAN "EXPERT" JENARD AND  
OTHERS ON HIS STAFF PLAN TO ATTEND. MISSION OFFICER  
FROM PARIS WILL HAVE TO SUFFICE FOR JUNE 20 CONSULTATION.

2. PROPOSED TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN OECD MINISTERIAL  
COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL B) - ROUX THOUGHT DRAFT U.S.  
PROPOSAL HAD MERIT AT FIRST BLUSH BUT SAID BELIGUM

WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE JUDGMENT ON SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION  
IN MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE UNTIL EXPERTS HAVE STUDIED  
IT FURTHER.

3. BELGIAN POSITION - DIRECTOR GENERAL DE BASOMPIERRE  
TOLD CHARGE (REFTEL E) VIRTUALLY WHAT AMBASSADOR  
ERNEMANN SAID TO US OVER A YEAR AGO WHEN WE FIRST RAISED  
ILLCIT PAYMENTS ISSUE WITH THE BELGIANS: THAT  
BELGIUM WOULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL  
FORA IN THE SEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON  
INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS BUT HAD DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER A  
WORKABLE, EFFECTIVE ACCORD COULD BE FORGED GIVEN THE  
WIDE DISPARITY IN COMMERCIAL PRACTICES IN DIFFERENT  
CULTURES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. ROUX WAS MORE PRECISE  
AND POSITIVE IN HIS FORMULATION OF BELGIAN POLICY ON  
ILLCIT PAYMENTS: THE U.S. INITIATIVE WAS A "GOOD  
ONE" AND BOTH "IDEALISTIC AND REALISTIC" AT THE SAME  
TIME. BY ELIMINATING THE "GROSS VIOLATIONS" ENCOUNTERED  
IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM, THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS WOULD  
BE "DEFENDING THE MORAL CREDIT OF CAPITALISTS INSTITU-  
TIONS." HE SAID BELGIUM HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH CERTAIN  
QUESTIONS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ACCORD. FOR  
EXAMPLE, CERTAIN QUESTIONS ABOUT "DISCLOSURE" WENT  
COUNTER TO LONG ESTABLISHED EUROPEAN IDEAS ABOUT THE  
IMPORTANCE OF SECRECY IN NORMAL BUSINESS COMPETITION.  
BELGIANS ALSO HAD PROBLEMS WITH CONCEPTS PUT FORWARD  
ABOUT "CRIMINALITY" UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY.  
NEVERTHELESS, HE STRESSED THAT BELGIUM CONTINUES TO BE  
WILLING TO PLAY ACTIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE SEARCH  
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FOR A WORKABLE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. CHAMBERS

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